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IBM upgrades OS/2 Warp 4 .0 via Web

PC Week, p043

May 5, 1997

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IBM last week introduced a new Internet-based software-delivery mechanism

for updates to OS/2 Warp 4.0 and Warp Server.

Called Software Choice, the program allows users to download updates

to Warp or Warp Server. These updates consist of new functions that are

being introduced, one by one, as development is finished.

Some Software Choice updates are free, such as a Windows NT client.

Free fix packs and device drivers also will be available on the same site.

Other new client or server functions will be available only for

customers on the Software Advantage program. To join this program, a

company must commit to buying at least \$10,000 worth of Warp products over two years.

IBM is based in Armonk, N.Y. Further information can be obtained at

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02015351 SUPPLIER NUMBER: 18957793 (THIS IS THE FULL TEXT) When free is not enough. (NetSync's WebPatch software-updating

## service) (Company Business and Marketing)

Tabibian, O. Ryan

Windows Sources, v5, n1, p153(2)

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ISSN: 1065-9641 LANGUAGE: English RECORD TYPE:

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ABSTRACT: NetSync's WebPatch service uses promising Version Re-Synchronization (VRS) technology to supply software updates, but it has

limited offerings. VRS allows allows WebPatch to match the files on a

user's machine with the latest version of a software program, then upload

only those files that are changed. While the technique saves time, few

third-party vendors support it. WebPatch connects users to vendors' Web

sites, from which users must download the entire upgrade file. The process

is lengthy, since users must first download a configuration file from

WebPatch, then start that file to attach to the vendor's server. The

downloaded files are compressed and must be expanded and installed by hand.

The only WebPatch benefit when VRS is not available is the convenience of

requesting several upgrades from a single site. WebPatch is free. TEXT:

Netsync Webpatch 1.0

PROS: \_Uses\_a\_promising\_patching\_technology.

CONS:\_Cumbersome\_downloading\_process\_for

non-VRS\_updates; needs\_broader\_vendor\_support.

 $\overline{\mathbb{W}}\text{ebPatch}$  promises to deliver software patches and updates to your

desktop quickly, but it's not quite ready for prime time.

COMPANY:\_Netsync\_Corp.,\_Carlsbad,\_CA

PRICE: Free

AVAILABILITY: Now

OS SUPPORT: Win 95, Win NT 4.0

PHONE: 619-438-0176

URL: www.webpatch.com

 $\overline{\mbox{Chances}}$  are you spend lots of time trying to keep up with the latest

and greatest updates to your favorite applications and drivers. But it's

almost impossible to keep abreast of everything new and worth having, much

less find the time to download your new goodies.

NetSync's solution to this problem is WebPatch, a software-updating

service similar to CyberMedia's Oil Change, which we reviewed in our

October 1996 issue (see "Oil Change Tunes Up Your PC," Registry). There's

some interesting technology here, but it needs broader support to reach its

full potential.

To use this service, you first download the WebPatch software, which

works under Windows 95 and Windows NT. Then from within the application,

you connect to the WebPatch site and download the updates you want. The

WebPatch app has an Undo Updates feature to remove any updates you've

downloaded, and a Scrapbook feature to keep track of the ones you've

installed.

Unlike Oil Change, WebPatch provides a "patching" technology for

software developers. Developers can download the free Difference Engine

patch-creation software and use it to create software patches. These

patches are no mere updates: They use Version Re-Synchronization (VRS)

technology to examine the files on your machine and then download only the  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

files you need for the update.

This is impressive technology. After all, downloading a simple patch

takes you much less time than downloading a full upgrade that includes

program elements you already have. For example, if the upgrade is just a

.DLL, the patch will be just a .DLL. At press time, vendor support for VRS

was limited, but NetSync was working on expanding that support.
On our tests, we downloaded updates for Netscape Navigator

3.0 and

Internet Explorer 3.0, as well as the latest drivers for the Canon

MultiPass C2500 printer. The only product on WebPatch Online that used the

VRS technology was Internet Explorer's update, 3.01; it downloaded and

installed in seconds.

Unfortunately, neither Navigator nor the printer drivers used VRS;

WebPatch merely downloaded those files entirely from their respective Web

sites. It took us about the same time to download both updates as it did to

download the updates directly from the vendor's site. The only benefit was

that we were able to request the updates from one place--the WebPatch

site--instead of from each individual site.

Also, we found WebPatch cumbersome to use. Downloading non-VRS updates

entails downloading the WebPatch configuration file, and then launching the

file, which connects you to the vendor's server to download the update.

From there, you may have to manually expand and install the compressed files.

We also found that even the list of non-VRS updates was quite limited.

At press time, the only CD-ROM drivers available on WebPatch Online were

for Acer America CD-ROM drives. The list of vendors, however, should

continue to grow as NetSync continues to develop partnerships.

For now, you're better off either downloading the files from

vendors directly or using a service such as Oil Change. (Although it lacks

patching technology, Oil Change does have a fairly extensive list of

participating vendors.) Clearly, at press time, NetSync was still developing its partnerships with hardware and software vendors.

the ball gets rolling, WebPatch Online should be very interesting.

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From the WebPatch Control Panel, you can easily access WebPatch

Online, which contains the software updates. Scrapbook is an

interesting feature that keeps track of all your software updates. COPYRIGHT 1997 Ziff-Davis Publishing Company

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Norton AntiVirus 2.0 for Windows NT

Pros: Automatic Internet updates; works on Windows NT 4.0 Client or Server.

Cons: Doesn't automatically update every networked client. Verdict: A simple, affordable way to protect Windows NT systems from viruses.

\$70 est. street price/Symantec/(800) 441-7234, (541) 334-6054.

Remember the good old days when Windows NT was relatively virus-free?

Those days are over. About three new viruses are created daily, many of

which are built specifically to attack the NT operating system. And no PC

is free from the constant stream of annoying Word macro viruses. Symantec's

Norton AntiVirus 2.0 for Windows NT has the artillery to gun down any

virus that comes your way.

The new version supports Windows NT 4.0, and provides several tricks  $\ensuremath{\text{NT}}$ 

to make sure your system is virus-free. LiveUpdate uses your online service

to automatically download the latest virus definitions and software patches

from the Internet. Striker guards against polymorphic viruses--strains that

are difficult to detect because they can encrypt themselves. And finally,

AutoProtect runs at the kernel level of NT, monitoring all data that comes

into your computer.

The software is extremely easy to use. To scan, just click

on a button or schedule a virus check for when you're not around. But we wish the product were server-based, automatically updating every AntiVirus client on

the network. As it stands, each user has to log onto the Internet to get

updates, so it's difficult to ensure everyone is fully protected. Nevertheless, Norton AntiVirus 2.0 should be standard issue for anyone

running Windows NT 4.0.

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The workgroup collaboration application known as Instant Update has

languished in relative obscurity for several years. But publisher ON

Technology Corp. this month resuscitated it with a new name, Common

Knowledge 3.0, and expanded its Internet and cross-platform capabilities.

The program is designed to give workgroups a low-cost way to share

changing text and tabular information. Masters of shared documents are

stored on a server; users download their own copies, edit those versions

locally, then post their changes to the server. The program notifies

subscribers of a change and gives them the chance to update their copies.

Version 3.0 adds a DOS client; previous versions supported Mac and

Windows on AppleTalk, IPX and NetBIOS networks. On Novell NetWare 3.x and

4.x networks, the server can be installed as an NLM (NetWare Loadable

Module). In addition, the new release brings support for TCP/IP, giving

access to shared documents across the Internet.

"Performance over PPP Point-to-Point Protocol| looks very good," said

Andy Stadler, senior software engineer and Instant Update administrator

with Catapult Entertainment Inc. in Cupertino, Calif. "That's important to

us because it means all our remote users can now have access to our shared documents."

The new version can update files automatically during idle moments and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

lets managers set files for read-only access.

Common Knowledge 3.0 costs from \$57\$ to \$79 per user, depending on

quantity; a 100-user license is \$7,000. Upgrades are free or \$29 per user,

depending on the version currently installed.

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